

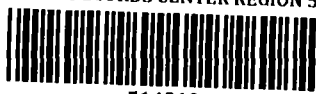
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St. Louis Park

Mr. H. L. Finch



May 19, 1971

ST. LOUIS PARK PLANT PROPERTY - LOUISIANA AVENUE

Yesterday, May 17th, Mr. Reiersgord and I attended the City Council Meeting to record our opposition to the Extension of Louisiana Avenue through the plant property. A copy of the notice of the public hearing for the proposed amendment of the official map was attached to our letter of May 13, 1971 under the Louisiana Avenue subject. Mr. Reiersgord is sending you a copy of the letter he prepared to be submitted to the Council on behalf of the company.

When the subject of Louisiana Avenue came up on the agenda, Mr. Reiersgord responded in behalf of the company. Mr. Reiersgord generally outlined that the company objected to the acquisition of the right of way and mentioned the damages that the City might be subject to as the result of the City's action.

Mr. Reiersgord requested that prompt action be taken by the City on the purchase of the plant property. The impression was put forward that it would be to the City's advantage to make an early decision on the purchase of the entire property.

Mr. Frank Howard responded to Mr. Reiersgord to the effect that the City realized that a prompt decision was desirable and were working toward this goal. No other Councilmen commented on the letter or Mr. Reiersgord's presentation.

No other property owners were present that were affected by Louisiana Avenue. At least no other property owners came forward with any comment. Suburban Ready Mix apparently had submitted a letter regarding possible damages that they might suffer as a result of the road. The Councilmen were talking back and forth among themselves regarding Suburban Ready Mix's letter with Mr. Galinson making the request of the staff to inquire of Suburban Ready Mix the specific damages they might suffer, pointing out that Suburban Ready Mix was talking in generalities. From the location of the road, it would appear to me that Suburban Ready Mix could only benefit by such a road being in the close proximity of their plant. Damages they could possibly suffer would be the loss of their rail access that was made possible by a lease arrangement between ourselves and the old M&STL. The lease arrangement was made with the M&STL after Suburban Ready Mix purchased the property so I don't think they have too much to talk about. Knowing Mr. Carlson of Suburban Ready Mix somewhat, he most likely does not want to miss a possible opportunity of squeezing a dollar out of the City.

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The only other point that might be of interest is concerning the area that the City showed to be included on their official map. As stated in the notice of hearing, the area set up for future purchase on the Official City Map was an area sixty feet on either side of a center line going from West 32nd south to Oxford. The area coming through the plant was sixty feet wide and did not include the area where Wheeler Lumber Bridge and Supply have their buildings and where our new warehouse is located. Nor did it include the projection of our property on the southeast corner that was formerly occupied by our old warehouse.

The reproduction shown on the screen by the City Planner indicated that the road would run through a corner of our pole constructed outside pitch bay, this being the only building that would be affected. This was not exactly true as they did not take into consideration the fire house and the scale house which were not shown on the City drawing.

Yours very truly,


H. L. Finch

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